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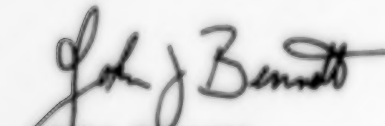
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A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Heritage Preservation Commission is embarking on a 10-year effort to commemorate the contribution of southwestern Pennsylvania to the industrial development of the United States. We are excited about the prospect of what the next 10 years will hold. We are also very conscious of our responsibility.

We look forward to establishing a good relationship with the office of the secretary of the interior and building upon the already established relationship with the National Park Service, which serves as lead federal agency for the America's Industrial Heritage Project.

These days a lot of people talk about "partnerships," but often it is only on paper and not manifested by actions. Through the initiatives that have already begun, and those which are yet to be, our commission intends to make its mark. Our goal is to build true partnerships between all levels of government and the private sector, and to use this partnership to fulfill the intent of Public Law 100-698. If we succeed, and I'm confident that we will, historic preservation along with tourism and economic interests within our region will be well served. More importantly, visitors from across the nation will have the opportunity to view firsthand how southwestern Pennsylvania contributed to our industrial heritage and the growth of our nation.


John Bennett
Chairman, Southwestern Pennsylvania
Heritage Preservation Commission

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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

In December 1986 Congressman John P. Murtha of Pennsylvania's 12th District appointed 33 members – from a broad cross section of business, civic, and community leaders throughout southwestern Pennsylvania – to an ad hoc commission. This bipartisan group was formed to provide the initial direction for the America's Industrial Heritage Project (hereafter referred to as the AIHP) – an ambitious effort to protect and preserve historical sites that relate to the area's important contributions to America's industrial development and promote tourism in Pennsylvania's Allegheny region.

In August 1987, after extensive public involvement, the ad hoc commission released the *Action Plan*, which provided a blueprint for the future of the AIHP. Shortly thereafter, legislation was introduced in Congress to implement many of the ideas contained in the *Action Plan* and to formally establish the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission, a federally legislated commission within the Department of the Interior that is charged with directing the project's future over the next 10 years. Bipartisan support from the Pennsylvania congressional delegations in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate helped to gain passage of Public Law 100-698 in 1988. President Reagan signed the bill into law on November 19, 1988.

As one of its key provisions, Public Law 100-698 calls for the recognition, preservation, promotion, and interpretation of the iron and steel, coal, and transportation industries along with the labor and social history of the Allegheny region and to commemorate contributions from this area to the development of our society and nation.

To carry out the various provisions of the act, Congress instructed the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission to make annual reports to the secretary of the interior regarding project activities. Legislation also referenced the *Action Plan* as a document that should be used by the commission as the project goes forward.

Letters from Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan, Jr., in July 1989 requested nominations from the 13 local, state, and federal jurisdictions and organizations that are represented on the 21-member commission. On January 11, 1990, Secretary Lujan formally appointed the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission members, and on February 6, 1990, the commission held its first organizational meeting.

The commission has just begun its deliberations regarding the protection and promotion of the industrial, cultural, scenic, and recreational resources of the Allegheny region. However, it was determined important in this first annual report to the secretary to give a brief glimpse of what progress has already been made regarding the AIHP and to provide an updated status on certain activities and individual projects recommended in the *Action Plan*.

Subsequent annual reports to the secretary of the interior will also provide, in addition to a summary of project activity, a detailed plan for the future of the project and an accountability for public funds entrusted to the commission to implement the plan. Subsequent annual reports will also provide guidance to congressional, state, and local government leaders regarding what future public funding may be warranted to support "partnership" projects. Partnership projects will be a major focus for



the commission as it seeks to involve a broad cross section of southwestern Pennsylvanian society and maximize the use of federal funds. The commission will also be actively identifying opportunities for private sector involvement in the AIHP.

This 1989 annual report is divided into the following sections:

- (1) A list of project accomplishments by category – research, planning, design, construction, and cooperative assistance
- (2) Project funding participation to date
 - Federal
 - State
 - Private nonprofit funding
- (3) An update on individual projects listed in the *Action Plan* by theme – transportation, coal, iron and steelmaking, and labor and social history – and by project initiatives – tourism, economic development, cultural resource protection, and recreation
- (4) Committee reports and a list of commission members
 - Cultural Resources Committee
 - Economic Development Committee
 - Tourism and Marketing Committee
 - Transportation Committee
 - Commission Members
- (5) Appendixes
 - Appendix A: Visitor Statistics at Established Heritage and Recreation Sites
 - Appendix B: Major Themes and Projects by County



PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The following is a listing of project accomplishments for 1988 and 1989, which are divided into five main headings - research, planning, design, construction, and cooperative assistance. This list reflects AIHP work completed by National Park Service staff at various offices, including the AIHP office in Hollidaysburg, the Denver Service Center, Harpers Ferry Center, the Southeast Archeological Center, and the HABS/HAER teams. It also reflects some initial work by other agencies within the AIHP partnership, including the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the Pennsylvania Heritage Affairs Commission. Additional work from these cooperating offices will be reflected in subsequent annual reports.



RESEARCH PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

	1988	1989
Historic American Engineering Record Surveys	• National survey – early major steel works • Countywide survey – Blair County • Countywide survey – Cambria County • Countywide survey – Huntingdon County • Coal mining sites – Cambria County • Iron furnaces, Blair and Cambria counties • Johnstown Street Rail Company • Documentation of Mount Etna furnace complex • Cambria Iron Company	• Countywide survey – Westmoreland County • Countywide survey – Fayette County • Photo documentation – Blair and Cambria counties • Documentation – East Broad Top Railroad National Historic Landmark shop complex • Documentation of glass industry – AIHP region • Documentation – Alcoa Aluminum Laboratory • Survey – downtown Brownsville • Documentation – Mount Etna furnace complex
Historic American Buildings Surveys	• Alexandria • Saltsburg • Johnstown • Mount Etna furnace complex • Coal mining company towns • Downtown Altoona	• Documentation of company towns – AIHP region • Survey – Altoona neighborhoods • Survey – downtown Brownsville • Documentation – Mount Etna furnace complex • Documentation – Springer House, Fayette County • Documentation – Connellsville Carnegie Library, Fayette County • Documentation – Westmoreland Alters Halfway House • Documentation – Fort Gaddis, Fayette County



1988

1989

National Park Service, Denver Service Center

- Cambria Iron Company historic resource study
- Altoona locomotive works historic resource report
- Summit Level, Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site historic structure report
- Albert Gallatin House, Friendship Hill National Historic Site historic structure report

- Cambria Iron Company National Historic Landmark nomination
- Staple Bend Tunnel historic structure report
- Historic theme study – nine-county AIHP region

Archeology

- Survey – Staple Bend Tunnel, Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site
- Survey – Summit Level, Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site
- Survey – Johnstown Flood National Memorial
- Survey – Mount Etna complex
- Mitigation – Friendship Hill National Historic Site
- Survey – Horseshoe Curve National Historic Landmark

- Site plan – Mount Etna furnace complex
- Mitigation – Staple Bend Tunnel, Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site
- Survey – Fort Necessity National Battlefield
- Mitigation – Friendship Hill National Historic Site

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

- Bedford transportation study
- National register nominations – Huntingdon, Blair, and Westmoreland counties
- Statewide industrial sites survey
- Albert Gallatin historic resource study

Pennsylvania Heritage Affairs Commission

- Oral history program – Blair and Somerset counties



PLANNING PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1988

Horseshoe Curve National Historic
Landmark site plan

Allegheny Portage Railroad National
Historic Site site plan

Johnstown Flood Museum management
plan

South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club
National Historic District special study

Johnstown plan poster

Saltsburg plan poster

AIHP action plan

Cambria Iron Works study of alternatives

Interpretive prospectus addendum,
Allegheny Portage Railroad National
Historic Site

Housing site plan, Allegheny Portage
Railroad National Historic Site

1989

Transportation study, US 22 corridor and
heritage routes

Saltsburg canal park site plan

Mount Etna study of alternatives (draft)

Windber/Scalp Level special study

Pilot tour route study

Johnstown *Third Century Plan* (phase one)

Allegheny Highlands Trail corridor study

Public information document – AIHP region

Johnstown welcome center exhibit plan

Johnstown wayside plan

Altoona welcome center plan

Historic train feasibility study, Allegheny
Portage Railroad National Historic Site
(Smithsonian Institution)

Cambria Iron Company historic resource
study



DESIGN PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1988

Eliza Furnace, Vintondale stabilization

Mount Etna Furnace, stabilization and restoration

Johnstown Inclined Plane visitor center and exhibits

Johnstown Flood Museum and exhibits

Albert Gallatin House (phase two),
Friendship Hill National Historic Site

1989

Horseshoe Curve National Historic
Landmark visitor center

Staple Bend Tunnel phase 2, Allegheny
Portage Railroad National Historic Site

Albert Gallatin House (phase three),
Friendship Hill National Historic Site

Allegheny Portage Railroad National
Historic Site phase one (visitor center)

Saltsburg Canal Park (phase one)

Johnstown Welcome Center AIHP exhibit

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1988

Employee residence, Friendship Hill
National Historic Site

Phase one construction, Friendship Hill
National Historic Site

1989

Phase two construction, Friendship Hill
National Historic Site

Johnstown Flood Memorial visitor center
and exhibits

Johnstown Flood Museum rehabilitation
and exhibits

Johnstown Inclined Plane visitor center and
exhibits (state funded)

Johnstown Welcome Center – AIHP exhibit



COOPERATIVE ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

1988	1989
Staff support for Heritage Preservation Commission and committees	Staff support for Heritage Preservation Commission and committees
Blairsville canal park concept plan	Altoona 25th Street bridge railroad interpretation
Gallitzin Borough Tunnel park site plan	French & Indian War historic sites coordination
Windber coal heritage park concept plan	Uniontown consortium technical assistance
Saltsburg Historical Society headquarters building management plan	Cooperative planning, Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs
Hollidaysburg national historic district sign plan	Cooperative planning, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission significant sites inventory – AIHP region	Latrobe Economic Development Council planning assistance
Interpretive walking tour Seldom Seen Valley Coal Mine	Somerset Historical Center management plan
Establishment of Altoona Sesquicentennial Heritage Commission	Heritage program – AIHP region schools (year two)
AMTRAK interpretation program	Rails-to-Trails of Blair County technical assistance
American wilderness institute technical assistance	Steel heritage task force draft plan (Pittsburgh/Mon Valley)
Salem, Massachusetts, partnership organizational meeting	Altoona Children's Museum technical assistance
Heritage program – AIHP region schools (elementary and secondary levels)	Altoona Railroad Museum executive director search committee
Huntingdon Borough railroad station site plan	Greater Altoona Economic Development Corporation executive board
Commission tours of heritage sites in each county in AIHP region	Altoona Main Street Manager program
Preservation of select structures – Bethlehem Steel lower works, Johnstown	



1989 (cont.)

Penn Alto Hotel national register nomination technical assistance

PBS miniseries concept plan (AIHP theme)

Bureau of State Parks – lime kilns preservation – Canoe Creek State Park

Mine 40/Scalp Level entry corridor/interpretive overlook concept plan

Eliza Furnace, Vintondale site plan

West Overton Museums management plan technical assistance

Commemoration Johnstown Flood Centennial

Development of archives center at Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Juniata woolen mill technical assistance

Bedford County national register covered bridges

1889 park, Adams/Croyle township concept plan

St. Michael Borough flood centennial commemoration

St. Vincent gristmill preservation study

Somerset turnpike exist corridor enhancement plan

Historic preservation conference series – AIHP region

Coal patch workshop

Johnstown Point Park plan technical assistance

1989 (cont.)

Johnstown Stackhouse Park plan technical assistance

Johnstown steel sculpture trail plan technical assistance

Baker Mansion historic landscape plan technical assistance

Fort Roberdeau site plan technical assistance

Cooperative planning Corps of Engineer Conemaugh River plan

Conemaugh Gap overlook technical assistance

Cambria Transit Authority incline sign study

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PROJECT FUNDING PARTICIPATION TO DATE

The following section of the annual report provides a summary of the funding that has been appropriated by Congress for the AIHP over the last four years and a listing of the projects that this funding has supported. Starting with fiscal year (FY) 1990, annual project funding and individual project achievements will be part of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission's annual report to the secretary of the interior.



FEDERAL SUPPORT OF AIHP

Public Law 98-738 provided \$70,000 to the National Park Service to study the area between Johnstown Flood National Memorial and Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site. This NPS study resulted in the *Reconnaissance Survey of Pennsylvania Roads and Sites*. Public support focused on alternative 4 in the reconnaissance survey, which called for a regional cooperative approach to the protection, development, and promotion of the area's resources, with a focus on the industrial history of the region. The concept for the AIHP was thus established.

FY 85	\$ 70,000	Reconnaissance survey of region
FY 86	-0-	Project formulation/hearings
FY 87	\$ 430,000	Historic resource surveys of region
FY 88	\$8,498,000	\$625,000 for design of improvements, stabilization, and preservation at Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historical Site
	Total	\$4,370,000 for Johnstown Flood Museum rehabilitation and design and construction of exhibits for museum and Inclined Plane visitor center
		\$1,966,000 for stabilization, preservation, and improvements to Albert Gallatin House, Friendship Hill National Historic Site
		\$252,000 for Historic American Engineering Record and Historic American Building Survey historic inventories of Blair and Cambria counties
		\$195,000 for design, archeology, and historic research for Staple Bend Tunnel (unit of Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site)
		\$750,000 for design of visitor center and funicular improvements at Horseshoe Curve National Historic Landmark
		\$75,000 for site planning for Saltsburg canal park improvements
		\$265,000 cooperative assistance package for Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and others to assist in AIHP research and preservation activities



FY 89	\$11,570,000	
	Total	

\$2.9 million for initial construction of visitor-related improvements at Horseshoe Curve visitor center near Altoona, Blair County

\$2.4 million to continue historic restoration at the Albert Gallatin Home at Friendship Hill National Historic Site in Fayette County

\$1.65 million for historic research, planning, design, and renovation work at the Johnstown Flood Museum for the 1889 flood commemoration

\$1.4 million for phase 1 improvements and historic preservation at Staple Bend Tunnel (America's first railroad tunnel), Cambria County

\$850,000 for studies of sites along the Juniata River that relate to the Pennsylvania Main Line Canal, Huntingdon and Blair counties

\$500,000 for support of planning for various project initiatives throughout the nine-county area

\$400,000 for design and engineering work for phase 1 (visitor center and entrance road) improvements at Summit Level, Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site, Blair County

\$315,000 for Historic American Building Survey and Historic American Engineering Record inventories of industrial historic sites in Huntingdon, Westmoreland, and Fayette counties

\$275,000 for the study of the importance of Albert Gallatin to our nation – conducted at Friendship Hill National Historic Site and Old Bedford Village

\$200,000 to complete title, design, and engineering work for the Allegheny Highlands hiking and bicycle trail in Somerset County

\$200,000 to study preservation and use options for selected steel mill sites in Allegheny County

\$150,000 for steel mill documentation in Allegheny County

\$175,000 for a general management plan for Fort Necessity National Battlefield in Fayette County

\$125,000 for preliminary design of visitor-related improvements along the section of the Pennsylvania Main Line Canal in and adjacent to Saltsburg in Indiana County

\$30,000 to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to assist the National Park Service in their identification of the region's important industrial resources



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA SUPPORT OF AIHP

FY 87-88	\$ 480,000	Johnstown planning, research, and event coordination
FY 87-88	\$ 30,000	Johnstown Flood Centennial operations
FY 88-89	\$1,700,000	Johnstown Inclined Plane visitor center improvements
	\$1,000,000	Johnstown Flood Centennial promotion

PRIVATE NONPROFIT FUNDING

1989	\$ 300,000	Johnstown Flood Centennial Committee (events and promotion)
1989	\$ 500,000	Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum, Inc. (programming and facilities)
1989	\$ 300,000	Bethlehem Steel Corporation (for steel mill tour)



UPDATE ON INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS LISTED IN THE *ACTION PLAN*

The following section provides an update on the various AIHP projects as they relate to the various AIHP themes as set forth by Congress. (Appendix B provides a list of these projects by individual county.)



TRANSPORTATION THEME

Altoona Railroad Shop Office Building

This project has already been authorized in the commonwealth budget. Money for the rehabilitation of the historic Pennsylvania Railroad building – \$4.2 million – has been included. This building will become a key component of the expanded Altoona Railroaders Museum complex. The National Park Service is providing a planning team to produce a management plan for the museum under a 1988 cooperative agreement between the agency and the museum board of directors.

Horseshoe Curve National Historic Landmark

Ground-breaking for the \$2.9 million visitor center and pedestrian funicular will be held in June 1990. Opening of the center is scheduled for May 31, 1991. The visitor center will be managed by Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum, Inc., under a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service.

K-4s Locomotive

Designated by the state legislature in 1988, the K-4s is the official state steam locomotive. The K-4s made several excursion runs in 1988, including a run to the historic community of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. The K-4s was also used to take school children on a train ride as part of an annual heritage appreciation for local school districts program. All activities were privately funded through contributions to the Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum board.

Bedford County Transportation Museum

"Trails to Turnpikes" is the new theme of Bedford County promotion efforts that capitalize on the area's rich transportation history. At the center of the county's promotion is the development of a new auto tour route that uses the covered bridge theme and the establishment of a new Bedford County transportation museum. Close to Old Bedford Village, and linked by road and river trail to Bedford Borough, the new museum will focus on the area's surface transportation history. Commemoration of early pioneer trails, the Forbes Road, the Lincoln Highway, and the Pennsylvania Turnpike all demonstrate the transportation theme of crossing the Allegheny Mountain barrier. Site planning is scheduled for FY 1990, with design to follow in FY 1991.

Pennsylvania Main Line Canal

Further implementing the mission of the Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site to interpret and preserve important aspects of the Pennsylvania Main Line Canal, the historic canal town of Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, and the significant Mount Etna iron furnace complex were the focus of canal commemoration efforts in 1989. Saltsburg, a settlement which has more than 30 canal-era buildings, tells the canal story through its architectural heritage and its people. The Mount Etna iron furnace site represents the commercial aspects of the canal and tells the story of commerce.



Planning activities were concluded at both sites. Initial design work is slated for Saltsburg in 1990. The Mount Etna Coalition, a local group representing township officials, historical society interests, and others will be focusing on the selected preservation strategy in 1990. More detailed site planning will be conducted during 1990 and beyond.

Altoona Railroad Shops

National Park Service historian, Mr. John Paige, completed an historic resource study of the Altoona Railroad Shop complex in 1989. Future efforts will focus on possible opportunities for visitors to understand modern railroad shop operations. Conrail continues the work on locomotives and rail cars that has been done in the Altoona area for over 100 years.

Village Cross Monument Restoration

Through the efforts of the citizens of Loretto, Pennsylvania, the Village Cross monument, which was built by "steel king" Charles Schwab, was fully restored and opened in 1989.

Ebensburg Tollhouse

Although the Ebensburg area residents remain committed to the development of a tourist information center on the site of the historic Huntingdon, Cambria, and Indiana turnpike at the tollhouse adjacent to Lake Rowena, no activity has yet taken place.

Historic Roads and Bridges

Crossing the Allegheny Mountain barrier continues to be a principal aspect of the transportation theme. The National Road will be considered in the Fort Necessity general management plan. The area has a wealth of covered bridges and iron railroad and vehicular bridges, which are being inventoried by the NPS Historic American Engineering Record.

Bedford County will be taking the lead regarding the surface transportation theme. Site planning monies are available in FY 1990 to expand on area themes, which include commemoration of the Forbes Road, the Lincoln Highway, and the Pennsylvania Turnpike as well as Bedford County's 25 covered bridges.

East Broad Top Railroad National Historic Landmark

In FY 1990, in conjunction with the owner, a joint planning team made up of representatives from the Huntingdon County Planning Commission, the Pennsylvania State Historical and Museum Commission, the Smithsonian Institution, and the National Park Service will continue to conduct an alternatives study of the East Broad Top Railroad. The East Broadtop Railroad National Historic Landmark is one of America's most intact 19th century narrow-gauge railroad resources.



and the study will examine options for the preservation, management, and visitor use of the more than 30 miles of railroad resource. Included in the study are Mount Union, the roundhouse and shop complex at Rockhill, and communities and resources of the East Broad Top coal region. Six Baldwin locomotives are included in the wealth of rolling stock that is in operation at the site.

Friendship Hill National Historic Site

In 1988 and 1989 the National Park Service completed phases one and two of the historic refurbishment of Albert Gallatin's historic home at Friendship Hill in the southern part of Fayette County on the Monongahela River near Point Marion, Pennsylvania. FY 1990 will involve phase three of construction, with the final phase taking place in FY 1991. The site will then be opened for visitors to gain an appreciation of the important contributions Albert Gallatin made to American society. This includes the Whiskey Rebellion, the National Road, and the Louisiana Purchase.

COAL THEME

Windber/Scalp Level

The major contribution of bituminous coal to our national industrial development will be told using several key sites within the region. Of key importance to telling this story are the corporate coal headquarters community of Windber in northern Somerset County and the nearby mine 40 site of the Berwind-White Coal Company at Scalp Level, Pennsylvania. FY 1989 saw the development of a conceptual plan for the two coal heritage sites. In FY 1990, preliminary design will begin for a coal heritage visitor center in the heart of Windber, and a design will be completed for an interpretive overlook at Mine 40. The project involves a partnership between Windber and Scalp Level boroughs, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the National Park Service, the Berwind Corporation, and area civic organizations.

Coking Coal

Survey work continues in Fayette County regarding the area's long-standing history in providing coke products to Johnstown and Pittsburgh area steel mills. Once survey work is completed, location(s) will be identified where the story of coke can best be told. This will likely include a battery of coke ovens along with a coal patch community. The feasibility of a coal and coke museum is also under consideration. The coal and coke heritage of the Shof community, which was built by Henry Clay Frick, will be included in this investigation.

Coal-Fired Generating Station

In FY 1989, the commission took a tour of the Homer City coal-fired power plant in Indiana County to determine the visitor interest potential. Public tours of a modern coal generating facility would help the public gain a more complete understanding of the coal story. A FY 1990 goal is to interest an area corporation in conducting public tours.



Coal Mine Tours

Seldom Seen Valley Mine near Patton, Pennsylvania, is a former drift mine that is now open to public tours. The mine is privately owned, and initial technical assistance was provided to improve the visitor experience at the site. Additional improvements are planned. The Seldom Seen Mine tour is a safe, underground experience that provides a good complement to the coal interpretation and preservation efforts at Windber/Scalp Level.

East Broad Top Coal Region

The story of the East Broad Top coal fields will be told in conjunction with future improvements at the East Broad Top Railroad National Historic Landmark.

IRON AND STEELMAKING THEME

Cambria Iron Company

In July 1989, Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan, Jr., formally designated the Cambria Iron Company site in Johnstown as a national historic landmark. This historic iron and steel site, which is part of Bethlehem Steel's lower works, is one of the nation's most significant intact sites relating to the development of iron and steel technology. The National Park Service is currently exploring options for preservation, use, and management of the site with Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Bethlehem Steel Mill Tours

Starting May 1989, Bethlehem Steel Corporation began tours of their entire Johnstown mill complex. Free of charge to the national visitor, the popular tours include the primary mill and electric furnaces at Franklin, the 12" mill at Gautier, the 11" mill at the lower works, and the wire mill. Company guides conduct the tour, and the Cambria County Transit Authority provides free bus transportation. In addition to viewing modern steelmaking, the National Park Service provides a part-time ranger who gives guided tours of the historic Cambria Iron Works.

Mount Etna Iron Furnace Complex

Mount Etna is an important historic site that represents 19th century ironmaking, Pennsylvania Main Line Canal commerce, and rural industrial lifestyles. In FY 1989, the National Park Service produced a study of alternatives to guide the future preservation, management, and use of the Mount Etna iron furnace complex. The study is expected to develop a consensus on the best direction to take regarding preservation of the site. The Mount Etna Coalition, made up of township officials and historical and community interests, has taken an active role in the project. Additionally, the National Park Service has established field teams through its archeology and Historic American Engineering Record offices. Additional research is scheduled for FY 1990. The Blair County Historical Society, under a grant from the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has completed stabilizing the furnace and has plans for restoration of the iron furnace stack.



Charles Schwab Estate

The formal gardens of the estate are open to the public, and the magnificent cascading fountain was recently restored. The grounds, main mansion house, and gatehouses remain closed to the general public. The fountain, which visually links the magnificent formal garden with the main estate house, was restored and made operational in 1988.

LABOR AND SOCIAL HISTORY THEME

Village Cross Monument Restoration

The monument, built by Charles Schwab in 1916, has been fully restored and lighted by the citizens of Loretto, Pennsylvania.

TOURISM INITIATIVE

Johnstown Inclined Plane Visitor Center

With the Cambria County Transit Authority serving as lead agency, a new visitor center and restaurant facility has just opened atop the Johnstown Inclined Plane. The center, with its sweeping panorama of the city, serves as a visitor center and orientation to the city of Johnstown. The inclined plane improvements were largely funded by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Costs for the exhibits in the visitor center were shared between AIHP funding through the Johnstown Area Heritage Association and the Cambria County Transit Authority. The transit authority will operate the facility, and lease income from the restaurant will help defray operational expenses.

Conemaugh Gap

With cooperation among the Johnstown Area Chamber of Commerce, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and the National Park Service, an interpretive overlook was developed in the Conemaugh Gap along US Highway 56. A similar overlook site is also possible on PA Highway 403 through the Conemaugh Gap, but has yet to be developed.

Special Events and Festivals

The America's Industrial Heritage festival was held in Johnstown over the 1989 Labor Day weekend as part of the closing festivities of the Johnstown Flood Centennial celebration. In 1990,



1991, and 1992, this event will become part of the National Folklife Festival that will be held in Johnstown, Cambria City, and surrounding areas.

Other new events and programs centered around the AIHP theme include the St. Michael ethnic festival and exhibits at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art and the Cambria County Arts Center.

AMTRAK and Bus Tours

During summer and fall, peak visitor season in FY 88 and FY 89, National Park Service interpreters were aboard AMTRAK's Pennsylvania and Broadway Limited trains three days per week. The rangers gave talks between Johnstown and Altoona, Pennsylvania, about the heritage of the region. AMTRAK has made inquiries about expanding these programs in the future.

Tourism promotion offices in the nine-county project region have been packaging bus tours of area attractions, including AIHP sites. Some of these tours include AMTRAK rail packages that provide a variety of experiences for visitors.

Southwestern Pennsylvania Industrial Heritage Route

In keeping with Public Law 100-698, the commission's Transportation Committee has recommended a heritage route for the AIHP region and a series of complementary tour loop routes off of the primary route. The heritage route traverses portions of each of the nine counties and links key AIHP sites, attractions, and population centers that have visitor services. Within each county, individual loop tours are proposed to provide visitors with a pleasant, self-guided tour route that links key resources within a specific area. For example, in Bedford County, the covered bridge loop would allow visitors to view several of Bedford County's famous covered bridges along with tour stops at other county attractions.

Both the main heritage route and the tour loops will be well marked and publicized. Design details and wayside exhibits for an initial heritage route segment linking Johnstown and Altoona will be completed in FY 1990. By the end of 1992, much of the heritage route and many of the tour loops are expected to be ready for the visitor to enjoy.

Regional Visitor Information Centers

In FY 1989, visitor information centers were opened at the Johnstown Welcome Center and at the Altoona Welcome Center (on 11th Avenue in Altoona). These centers provide information about area activities and attractions and are supported through the Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau. The NPS visitor center at the Johnstown Flood National Memorial, opened in May 1989, also provides information concerning area attractions through literature and the use of computer touch-screen video stations.



Areawide Tourism Promotion

The commission's Tourism and Marketing Committee has produced a nine-county visitor information brochure that highlights what the AIHP is all about and what there is to see and do in the nine-county region. One hundred thousand copies of the brochure were printed initially, and all the tourism promotion offices in the region have distributed them to the major visitor centers and attractions in the area.

The Tourism and Marketing Committee has also made a proposal to the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce, Travel Development Division, to support additional funding of promotion activities within the nine-county region.

Finally, through the efforts of the Tourism and Marketing Committee, eight county and regional tourism promotion offices are working together in a concerted effort to promote the nine-county area as a national tourism destination region. The AIHP will be one of several promotion themes used to help gain this regional identity.

Highway Beautification Program

Since the release of the *Action Plan* in 1986, there is no progress to report on this program. Issues such as billboard proliferation, junkyards, and roadside litter will need to be addressed by the commission as the heritage route and tour loop routes are established in 1990/91.

Wayside Exhibits and Tour Route Enhancement

As the heritage route and tour loop system is finalized in FY 1990, the National Park Service will be actively working with the commission and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to locate, design, and construct a series of wayside exhibits that provide visitors with self-guided information about historic and other sites of interest along the way. The waysides will be developed in conjunction with tour route brochures.

Counties and local civic interests would be encouraged to assist in roadside cleanup and beautification efforts.

Great Meadows Amphitheatre

Civic leaders in the Uniontown area, in conjunction with Penn State University, are developing a concept that will link the Great Meadows Amphitheatre and the State Theatre in Uniontown. Based upon a cultural theme, these two centers for the performing arts would be linked programmatically and would complement each other in terms of seasonal use. Historic themes such as the National Road, George Washington, Albert Gallatin, and the Whiskey Rebellion could be the subject of some of the dramatic productions at these sites. Productions at the Great Meadows Amphitheatre site are scheduled for summer theatre productions in 1990, and Uniontown's State Theater is scheduled for a spring 1990 reopening.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Altoona Revitalization

Through the efforts of the Greater Altoona Economic Development Commission (GAEDC), the City Council, downtown merchants, the Main Street Manager, and others, the central business district of Altoona is involved in economic planning for the redevelopment and revitalization of the center city. The city intends to build on its important railroad heritage and to use visitor activity at area tourism attractions such as the Horseshoe Curve National Historic Landmark and the Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum to stimulate visitor activity in the commercial district of the city. This will include adaptive reuse of historic buildings plus new development. Economic development planning by the GAEDC, city comprehensive land use planning, and museum development planning are to be coordinated. Joint planning with the city of Johnstown and Winder and Scalp Level boroughs for the State Heritage Park program will also be incorporated into revitalization efforts. Civic improvements will be coordinated by the Altoona Sesquicentennial Heritage Commission, which was formed by the Altoona City Council in 1989 to commemorate the city's 150th anniversary in 1999. A series of project milestones are being identified. The first two are the Horseshoe Curve visitor center ground-breaking and a new large American flag to be placed atop Gospel Hill. Improvements to the Railroaders Memorial Museum and various in-town revitalization projects will soon follow.

Johnstown Revitalization

Taking up where the flood centennial program left off, and based upon a 1989 *Third Century* plan prepared for the city, improvements are slated for the downtown area, along the banks of the Little Conemaugh and Stoney Creek rivers, and in area neighborhoods such as Cambria City, Minersville, and Prospect Hill.

The National Folk Festival announced in late 1989 that Johnstown would be the host city for the festival for three years, starting with Labor Day weekend 1990.

State heritage park improvements, done in conjunction with Altoona, Windber, and Scalp Level, will be a focus of future planning. Revitalization efforts will culminate with the city's 200th birthday in the year 2000. Historic preservation and adaptive reuse projects, new tourism facilities, special event programming, and compatible new development projects will head the list of initiatives covering a 10-year phased schedule. The city's important iron and steelmaking heritage will be the theme of revitalization efforts. The Cambria Iron Company National Historic Landmark could become the cornerstone of this iron and steel heritage theme. Bethlehem Steel Corporation and the National Park Service would coordinate on visitor services, tours, and resource protection.

Other AIHP City Revitalization Efforts

Various citywide or project-specific revitalization efforts are taking place throughout the AIHP region. Included are sites in Bedford, Blairsville, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jeanette, Latrobe, Mount Union, New Kensington, Tyrone, Uniontown, Vandergrift, Windber, and other communities. Some of the projects are being done in conjunction with the Main Street Manager program or are "tax-act" historic preservation projects. As the commission encourages future private investment in historic preservation and economic development projects, the positive influence of AIHP support



will enhance ongoing and future efforts to protect the area's heritage and stimulate new growth and investment in the region.

Economic Baseline Study

In FY 1989, the commission's Economic Development Committee contracted with a private consultant to provide (1) a baseline study of current economic conditions, (2) an impact monitoring system to measure the effect of AIHP on the nine-county region, and (3) guidelines on how the commission might evaluate future requests for AIHP grant/loan funding support for private historic preservation and/or tourism development projects. The study is to be completed by July 1, 1990, and will be made available for commission use at that time.

Saltsburg Canal Town

In 1989 the Saltsburg Borough Council approved a four-phase plan to preserve important aspects of Saltsburg's canal history and to promote tourism and economic development. The project moves into phase I design in FY 1990. Improvements scheduled over the next several years include an enhanced canal park with a full-scale model of a canal boat, a pedestrian walkway along the Conemaugh River, a visitor center, and possibly a canal boat ride along a rewatered section of canal.

CULTURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION INITIATIVE

South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club National Historic District

Progress continues on the enhancement of this historic district since the opening of the nearby Johnstown Flood National Memorial visitor center. Three of the district's most significant historic structures have been donated to the historical society, and rehabilitation will start in FY 1990. The National Park Service, through a cooperative agreement, will be providing assistance for interpretation, signing, furnishings, and other aspects.

In FY 1989, Adams Township adopted an historic district ordinance to help preserve the historic character of the community.

Historic Hollidaysburg

Now a "certified local government," in 1989 Hollidaysburg amended their borough zoning ordinance to include specific provisions for the Hollidaysburg National Historic District, which includes the site of the turning basin of the Juniata Division of the Pennsylvania Main Line Canal. In cooperation with residents, these new ordinances will help preserve the rich architectural character of historic Hollidaysburg. A new wayside exhibit, developed in conjunction with the National Park Service and based on the Pennsylvania Main Line Canal and Allegheny Portage Railroad themes, is a future borough project.



Somerset Historical Center Expansion

Planning was completed in 1989 at the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's Somerset Historical Center for expansion of the center's facilities. Design of a major addition to the center will take place in FY 1990. Improvements will focus on depicting what change occurred on the farm and to rural lifestyles while the industrial development of the region was taking place.

RECREATION INITIATIVE

Trail Development

One of the AIHP's largest recreation-related initiatives is the conversion of abandoned railroad rights-of-way to hiking and bicycle trails. Hundreds of miles of potential trails exist within the nine-county region. Work is progressing on various segments of the Allegheny Highlands Trail, which will eventually link Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Cumberland, Maryland. At Cumberland, Maryland, the trail continues all the way to Washington D.C. via the C&O Canal towpath. The McKeesport to Connellsville segment is in the trail feasibility/ planning phase, and the segment between Connellsville and Ohiopyle State Park is under construction. The Ohiopyle to Confluence segment is already constructed. The segment between Confluence and Rockwood, which uses the Western Maryland Railroad bed, is completing the design and engineering phase. Construction of this segment is scheduled for FY 1991. The trail plan for the trail section between Rockwood, Pennsylvania, and Cumberland, Maryland, has been completed.

The trail work involves coordination between many groups and the creation of a bistate trail council that involves citizens from both Maryland and Pennsylvania. For example, citizens from the Connellsville area have formed a trail council to assist the Bureau of State Parks with trail right-of-way maintenance and other issues. This type of coordination is expected for other sections of the trail. With the completion of the Connellsville and western Maryland sections, approximately 275 miles of easy grade bicycle and hiking experiences await thousands of residents and visitors to the area.

Other rails-to-trails initiatives are expected throughout the nine-county region. A group has been formed in Blair County to pursue potential rail trails in the Blair County/Huntingdon County area, including a rail trail conversion along the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River.

State Heritage Park Program

Based on success stories in Massachusetts and New York, the FY 1989-90 state budget for Pennsylvania included some \$550,000 for the initial establishment of a State Heritage Park program. Initial program emphasis will center on areas where complementary federal initiatives are already underway. This includes the Steamtown National Historical Site in Scranton, the Delaware and Lehigh Canal Heritage corridor in the Easton area, and the nine counties of the AIHP. Initial state heritage park planning efforts will focus on the National Road corridor between Addison and Brownsville, Pennsylvania, and on the Johnstown/Windber/Altoona state heritage park corridor. Future planning will identify additional potential state heritage park locations within the AIHP region.



Juniata River Recreation

The National Park Service, in cooperation with Blair and Huntingdon Counties, the Pennsylvania Fish and Game Commission, and others, conducted a study of the potential for additional recreational activities in the Juniata River corridor. The focus of the study was on the Frankstown Branch between Hollidaysburg and Mount Union, Pennsylvania. The study is scheduled for release to the public sometime in FY 1990.



**SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND LISTING OF COMMISSION MEMBERS



CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Cultural resources issues addressed by the committee focused on the four main strategies for the preservation of industrial sites and related resources. The primary emphasis during the first two years of the AIHP was the inventory process conducted by the NPS Historic American Building Survey/Historic American Engineering Record program. Teams of historians and architects researched and documented industrial sites in Blair, Cambria, Fayette, Huntingdon, and Westmoreland counties. Three published HABS projects were published in 1989, while five other surveys were being prepared for publication.

The Cultural Resources Committee sponsored nine orientation bus tours of the nine-county project area. Highlights of these tours were visits to historic industrial sites – from coal mines and mills to railroad shops, early bridges, and furnaces – and to active facilities such as the Bethlehem Bar, Rod & Wire works and a Century dairy farm. These tours helped generate a greater understanding of the regional heritage and enthusiasm for advocating preservation of these sites.

A network of professionals and other interested individuals in historic preservation was developed through quarterly meetings to discuss ongoing AIHP and local projects (such as the Johnstown Flood Centennial) and to recommend action and coordination of the cultural resources network in developing an awareness of potential and current preservation initiatives. Directors and members of the county historical societies, owners of properties on the national register, and planners and individuals from the private sector joined with National Park Service and Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission representatives to evaluate the completed surveys, industrial theme studies, and eligible projects for preservation funding. Two subcommittees were formed to consider the special preservation issues on covered and early iron and steel bridges and the conservation of significant "unmovable" industrial objects.

Through a cooperative agreement between the National Park Service and the Pennsylvania Heritage Affairs Commission in September 1989, three documentation centers were established to begin an ethnographic survey of the region. Documentation centers were established and staffs were trained at the Railroaders Memorial Museum in Altoona (Blair County), Somerset Historical Center (Somerset County), and in conjunction with the Special Collections Archives at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Indiana County). A folklife coordinator was hired to provide the expertise in programming surveys of ethnic communities and to assist with oral history documentation of ethnic groups and industrial occupations. Early emphases in oral history interviews have been on coal mining, railroading, and dairy farming.

With support from the AIHP, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, will host the 1990 National Folk Festival during the Labor Day weekend. This major cultural event will highlight the diversity of the ethnic traditions in central and western Pennsylvania.

A major exhibit was prepared in 1988 for installation in the Johnstown Welcome Center during the centennial commemoration of the 1889 flood. A "traveling version" of this exhibit was made available to participating county organizations after its initial exhibition at the newly established Allegheny Highlands Heritage Preservation Center in Johnstown.

The Allegheny Highlands Heritage Preservation Center brings together the historic and heritage preservation professionals from the National Park Service (AIHP and HABS/HAER), the Pennsylvania Bureau for Historic Preservation (part of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission), the Pennsylvania Heritage Affairs Commission Folklife program, and archeology



contractors. The Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission will use the center staff to develop guidelines in the management and preservation maintenance of cultural resources. The interdisciplinary approach to preservation and interpretation of the significant cultural resources of the nine-county region will allow the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission to continue to identify and evaluate the industrial sites that are eligible for preservation attention during the 1990s.

The most significant contribution of the committee was to establish a strong network of preservationists to deal with the challenges of the industrial heritage of the region.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The principal activity for the Economic Development Committee during 1989 was the development of an economic baseline study for the nine-county region. As identified by the committee, the need for the study was to

- determine the economic impact of the AIHP within the region, and

- provide the commission with guidelines for reviewing specific projects that will come before the commission for funding.

In spring 1990, the committee developed a consultant scope of services and advertised for a consultant. Numerous applications were received, and three consultants were interviewed further. The consulting firm team of Killenger, Kise, Franks and Straw, and Laventhal and Horwath were selected. In fall 1989, a baseline economic report was prepared and reviewed by the committee; corrections were made by the consultant.

In 1990, the committee anticipates the completion of the economic baseline study and using several study components to assist the commission in its operations and deliberations during the coming years.

The outline of the economic baseline study is as follows:

Phase I – Overview of regional economy and historic and cultural resources

- regional economic baseline
- analysis of regional cultural resources
- summary baseline report

Phase II – Preparation of a regional development strategy

- local and regional economic development organizations and initiatives
- public-private partnership strategies
- development and business opportunities
- analysis of funding proposals
- adaptive reuse handbook
- case studies



The committee will be reviewing the consultant's final report during spring 1990. A final product for the commission is expected during summer 1990.

TOURISM AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

This committee became very project oriented in 1989. Although they are not yet following a set agenda, they have been addressing issues that very obviously needed to be addressed.

Visitor-Ready Criteria – With so many projects ripe for development, a method was needed to separate the sites currently ready for visitors and those site that will be ready later. Criteria were developed.

Legislative Reception – There was a definite need for state legislators to become more aware of the AIHP. A reception was planned and hosted by the committee to educate those legislators.

Financial Support – The committee continues to search for the means to financially support a promotional and marketing campaign. This led the committee into an extensive research project attempting to determine the feasibility of a lodging tax. This concept is currently tabled. The search for money also led to Harrisburg on several occasions to lobby for funds. We realized some success with the passing of a line item in the budge for state heritage parks. The search for additional promotion money continues.

Advertising – We were able to advertise the AIHP in cooperation with the Johnstown Flood Centennial. An ad was placed in the *Baltimore Sun*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and the *Pittsburgh Press* on May 7 and May 14. This was a \$20,000 project financed by the tourism promotion agencies, the Department of Commerce, and the Johnstown Flood Centennial.

Brochure – With the assistance of the National Park Service, we were able to print 100,000 brochures. The brochure contains information about project-related visitor-ready sites. They are distributed throughout the tourism promotion agencies and the state welcome centers.

Newsletter – We have hired Union Press Courier to produce a quarterly newsletter to inform members, the press, and state and federal legislators about project status. We have developed a network of county editors to work on this project.

Retreat – A retreat held for the leadership of the tourism promotion agencies was held to develop a comprehensive marketing and promotional program for the AIHP. This program will be presented to the commission for their approval and will guide future committee direction in the coordinated promotion of the AIHP.



TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Transportation Committee has made important strides in pursuing a variety of regional transportation objectives defined in the *AIHP Action Plan*.

Perhaps one of the single-most significant achievements was the committee's ability to assist in organizing and raising a united voice (from Westmoreland to Huntingdon counties) for improvements to US 22 during the state Transportation Commission's public hearings in April 1989.

A summary of other committee activities, accomplishments, and contributions is outlined below.

US 22

US 22 has always been a vital economic and regional line to the area west of Harrisburg. During the update of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PENNDOT) "1984-1996 12-year Bridge and Highway Program," a planning study was initiated for the section from Cuba Mills in Juniata County to Hollidaysburg in Blair County. The study, which shows options available to PENNDOT for improving US 22, was completed in March 1989. These options included projects from minor improvements to constructing a complete four-lane relocation.

Under its current 12-year program (1988-2000), PENNDOT has elected to add \$10 million toward improvement projects along the Cuba Mills to Hollidaysburg corridor. Also included are three bypass studies at Lewistown, Water Street, and Hollidaysburg.

The entire section of US 22 from Mundys Corner to Monroeville has also been placed on the current program for reconstruction to four lanes on existing alignment in various four-year periods. Projects in the first four-year period begin at the Monroeville end, heading east with the Mundys Corner project in the third four-year period.

US 219 and 220

Northbound US 219 construction, begun in 1989, will extend a four-lane, limited-access highway from Ebensburg to Carrolltown in northern Cambria County. New US 220, a beautiful, four-lane, limited-access highway, was completed between Duncansville and Bedford in fall 1989. The committee will continue to seek opportunities to facilitate the extension of US 219 and US 220 to the north and south.

Southwestern Pennsylvania Industrial Heritage Route

The appointment of a seven-member task force in April 1989 has propelled the conceptual development of a nine-county auto tour route. The proposed route will link nearly 300 sites and use over 500 miles of existing state roads. Development of the first 47-mile segment will include a coordinated sign program, waysides, and other complementary tour route elements.



Aesthetic Awareness

The *Aesthetic Awareness of Design in Improvements to US 22* report was initiated, published, and distributed throughout the region by the Transportation Committee. The purpose of this document was to encourage highway development that incorporates design features that would make highways a more integrated component of the landscape.

PENNDOT Coordination

The Transportation Committee has enjoyed the participation of all three PENNDOT districts within the nine counties. Coordination of technical information, design review, and complicated scheduling with PENNDOT has been invaluable to the successful development of two key projects in the region, namely Horseshoe Curve and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Industrial Heritage Route.

Public Transit

Tremendous benefits were witnessed this past summer because of the cooperative spirit of the Cambria County Transit Authority. The CCTA provided free shuttle service for the successful Bethlehem Steel tours, and free shuttle service on a mammoth proportion was again provided on three key weekends (Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Labor Day) during Johnstown's summer-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 1889 Johnstown Flood.

Project-related transportation planning with area air, rail, and bus services will continue to be an important focus for the Transportation Committee.

Excursions

The Altoona Railroaders Museum's heralded K-4s steam locomotive excursion was sidetracked this past season because of a broken axle. We look forward to the return of the K-4s next year.

Rail excursions, operating canals, and other transportation endeavors will receive increasing attention by the committee in the coming months.



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APPENDIX A: VISITOR STATISTICS AT ESTABLISHED HERITAGE AND RECREATION SITES

HERITAGE SITES	1988	1989
Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historical Site	124,734	135,000
Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum, Inc.	20,000	34,000
Baker Mansion	8,000	8,100
Bushy Run Battlefield	40,000	75,000 ^b
Cambria Iron Company National Historical Landmark	N/A ^a	
Community Arts Center of Johnstown	45,000	52,000
East Broad Top Railroad National Historical Landmark	23,431	14,253 ^c
Fallingwater National Historical Landmark	120,240	129,000
Fort Ligonier	40,000	40,000
Fort Necessity National Battlefield	136,000	144,000
Friendship Hill National Historical Site ^d	12,002	15,165
Horseshoe Curve National Historical Landmark	105,000	115,000
Johnstown Flood Museum	11,258	75,153
Johnstown Flood National Memorial	124,487	343,000
Johnstown Inclined Plane	105,024	132,478
Old Bedford Village	116,968	123,400
Somerset Historical Center	60,413	58,249
Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art	N/A	N/A
Swigart Auto Museum	N/A	8,500
West Overton Museums	5,000	5,000
Westmoreland Museum of Art	17,824	18,889
RECREATION SITES		
Blue Knob Ski Area	N/A	N/A
Blue Knob State Park	170,503	158,120
Canoe Creek State Park	215,154	170,232
Greenwood Furnace State Park	212,170	226,445
Hidden Valley Ski Touring Center	145,286	96,544
Laurel Hill State Park	217,306	203,297
Laurel Ridge State Park	108,352	93,375
Ohiopyle State Park	1,938,544	2,018,094
Prince Gallitzin State Park	1,091,802	1,086,654
Raystown Lake National Recreation Area	1,266,931	1,327,704
Seven Springs Resort	1,200,000	1,200,000
Youghiogheny Lake National Recreation Area	971,377	934,267

^a Not available

^b First year of tour operation

^c Reflects change from daily to weekend schedule

^d Under development



APPENDIX B: MAJOR THEMES AND PROJECTS, BY COUNTY

The following is a partial listing of the major AIHP themes and individual projects that are either under development or proposed. Other individual projects are expected to be added in the future by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission.

BEDFORD COUNTY

Transportation Theme

Bedford "Trails to Turnpikes" transportation museum

Tourism Initiative

Covered bridges tour loop

BLAIR COUNTY

Transportation Theme

Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site

Charles Dudley House National Historic Landmark

Hollidaysburg canal basin

Horseshoe Curve National Historic Landmark

Juniata locomotive shops

Pennsylvania Main Line Canal (Williamsburg and canal sections and locks)

Railroaders Memorial Museum complex

Iron and Steelmaking Theme

Canoe Creek lime kilns, Canoe Creek State Park (limestone)

Mount Etna iron furnace complex - iron

Labor and Social History Theme

Altoona Heritage Center and national historic district

Tourism Initiative

Blair County tour loop

Economic Development Initiative

Altoona revitalization

Recreation Initiative

Juniata River corridor recreation (in conjunction with Huntingdon County)

CAMBRIA COUNTY

Coal Theme

Coal mine site and Berwind-White Coal Company housing in Scalp Level

Mine 40 - Scalp Level

Seldom Seen Valley Coal Mine, St. Boniface



Iron and Steelmaking Theme
Bethlehem Steel mill tours
Cambria Iron Company National Historic Landmark

Labor and Social History Theme
Charles Schwab Estate
Johnstown Heritage Center
Johnstown Flood Museum
Johnstown Flood National Memorial
South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club National Historic District

Tourism Initiative
Johnstown Inclined Plane visitor center
Johnstown Welcome Center
Northern Cambria County tour loop

Economic Development Initiative
Johnstown revitalization

FAYETTE COUNTY

Transportation Theme
Brownsville barge business and Monongahela River transport
National Road (Searights Tollhouse, Washington Tavern, and others)
National Road State Heritage Park visitor center

Coal Theme
Coal and coke museum
Coke oven battery (Connellsville area)
Shoaf coal and coke heritage site

Labor and Social History Theme
Albert Gallatin National Historic Site
Great Meadows Amphitheater
State Theater, Uniontown

Recreation Initiative
Allegheny Highlands Trail extension (Yough River Trail)

FULTON COUNTY

Transportation Theme
Forbes Road
Lincoln Highway
Pennsylvania Turnpike remnant

Labor and Social History Theme
Burnt Cabins Grist Mill



Tourism Initiative
Fulton County tour loop

HUNTINGDON COUNTY

Transportation Theme
East Broad Top Railroad National Historic Landmark
Pennsylvania Main Line Canal remnants

Iron and Steelmaking Theme
Greenwood Furnace, Greenwood State Park and visitor center

Labor and Social History Theme
Kistler Company Town

Tourism Initiative
Huntingdon County tour loop

Cultural Resource Preservation Initiative
Mount Union refractories – fire clay brick

Recreation Initiative
Juniata River corridor recreation (hiking and bicycle trail, fisherman access, canoeing)

INDIANA COUNTY

Transportation Theme
Covered bridges
Indiana County tour loop
Saltsburg Canal town and canal park

Coal Theme
Tour of coal generating station (Penelec Homer City power plant)

Labor and Social History Theme
Amish Heritage

SOMERSET COUNTY

Transportation Theme
Addison Tollhouse, National Road

Coal Theme
Berwind-White Company coal heritage center, Windber

Labor and Social History Theme
Somerset Historical Center



Tourism Initiative
Allegheny Highlands Trail
Somerset County tour loop

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Labor and Social History Theme
St. Vincent gristmill
West Overton Museums (Henry Clay Frick birthplace and Overholt distillery)

Tourism Initiative
Alcoa aluminum laboratory and discovery center, New Kensington
Allegheny Highlands Trail extension (Yough River Trail)
Glass works in Jeanette

PROJECT AREA

Tourism Initiative
Amtrak rail tours
Bus tours
County tour routes
Heritage route
Regional visitor information centers
Special events and festivals

Economic Development Initiative
Baseline study
Various community revitalization efforts

Cultural Resource Preservation Initiative
HABS/HAER surveys and inventories research
National historic districts
National register properties
Pennsylvania Heritage and Museum Commission technical assistance programs and tax act projects
Private foundation assistance
Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission grants
Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission loan program

Recreation Initiative
Rails to Trails – (various)



As the nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior has responsibility for most of our nationally owned public lands and natural and cultural resources. This includes fostering wise use of our land and water resources, protecting our fish and wildlife, preserving the environmental and cultural values of our national parks and historical places, and providing for the enjoyment of life through outdoor recreation. The department assesses our energy and mineral resources and works to ensure that their development is in the best interests of all our people. The department also promotes the goals of the Take Pride in America campaign by encouraging stewardship and citizen responsibility for the public lands and promoting citizen participation in their care. The department also has a major responsibility for American Indian reservation communities and for people who live in island territories under U.S. administration.

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